

Public Law 102-63
102d Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the month of June 1991, as "National Forest System Month".

June 28, 1991

[S.J. Res. 159]

Whereas 1991 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the National Forest System with the establishment of the first forest reserve in 1891, the Yellowstone Park Timber Land Reserve;

Whereas the establishment of this first forest reserve marked a fundamental change in United States conservation policy toward the administration of public lands;

Whereas the purpose of the National Forest System is to conserve a portion of America's forests for the people of the United States, recognizing the important environmental and economic values in holding such public lands in trust and managing them for the greatest good;

Whereas the National Forest System is one of the few examples in the world where a public effort is being made to manage natural resources in an economically efficient, environmentally sound, and socially responsible manner;

Whereas the National Forest System has introduced new ideas for sound resource management, such as multiple use, sustained yield, and preservation of both wilderness areas and wild and scenic rivers; and

Whereas the one hundred and ninety-one million acres of national forests, national grasslands, and experimental forests that now make up the National Forest System stretch from Alaska to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and from California to Maine: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of June 1991 is designated as "National Forest System Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate activities and programs.

Approved June 28, 1991.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 159:

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